

This year, I hope to again see Taiwan included in the Assembly. To highlight the importance, I would like to quote an article by Stanley Kao, Representative of TECRO in the United States, for Taiwan's participation in ICAO.

"Taiwan needs to be part of ICAO because it is an indispensable player in global aviation safety. The Taipei Flight Information Region (FIR), which is administered by Taiwan's Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA), covers 180,000 nm and borders four other FIRs: Fukuoka, Manila, Hong Kong and Shanghai. In 2015, Taiwan's CAA provided over 1.53 million instances of air traffic control services and handled 58 million incoming and outgoing passengers."

"Despite its location in the busiest section of airspace in East Asia, Taiwan's CAA has had no direct access to ICAO for the past 40 years and has only indirectly gained information, in some cases incomplete, on ICAO regulations and standards related to safety, management, security and environmental protection. The CAA has had to resort to various informal channels to keep up with the development of ICAO's regulations and standards and overcome the difficulties associated with a lack of transparency in order to maintain adequate safety levels and service standards in the Taipei FIR. The CAA has had to make an extra effort to keep abreast of constant updates to flight safety and security standards set by ICAO. Obtaining that information often has been a costly and drawn-out process."

As East Asia's busiest airspace, it not only makes sense that Taiwan should have access to the latest technologies and standards in civil aviation safety; it is a matter of public safety. Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge the international community to allow Taiwan to partake in the upcoming ICAO assembly.

RECOGNIZING WASHINGTON MATHEMATICS SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY PUBLIC CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL'S COMMITMENT TO STEM EDUCATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the students, parents, and faculty of Washington Mathematics Science Technology Public Charter High School for their commitment to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics enrichment, and for participating in my annual Science and Technology Braintrust.

The teachers at Washington Mathematics Science Technology Public Charter High School are committed to ensuring that our country's youth is exposed to a STEM curriculum, which is paramount to the future of our country. A prevalent theme amongst successful STEM professionals is the curiosity and drive instilled by their teachers at a young age. We must continue to invest in schools that highlight a STEM education, so that all students will have an opportunity to one day be an astrophysicist, doctor, engineer, or a geologist.

Mr. Speaker, Washington Mathematics Science Technology Public Charter High

School is a true advocate of STEM education and deserves recognition for its work. With great pride I can say that because of this school's commitment to STEM education, our country's youth is gaining the skills needed to compete in a rapidly globalizing world.

DR. LIN TAPPED AS ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR IN TECHNOLOGY

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Thompson Lin of Sugar Land, Texas for being named EY Entrepreneur of the Year in Technology for the Gulf Coast Area.

Dr. Lin is the Chairman of the Board, Founder, President and CEO of Applied Optoelectronics Inc., a leading provider in fiber-optics access network products for the internet datacenter, cable broadband, and the home market. With a Ph.D. in electrical engineering and founder of AOI, Dr. Lin has more than 10 U.S. patents and has authored over 200 technical papers and presentations. This award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in innovation, financial performance and commitment to their business and communities. We are lucky to have Dr. Lin's talent and dedication help our area remain at the forefront of job-creation, technology, and scientific discovery.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations and thank you to Dr. Thompson Lin for his innovation, dedication and work with AOI. Keep up the great work.

TRIBUTE TO JANELL AND REX BARBER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Janell and Rex Barber of Anita, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on July 23, 2016.

Janell and Rex's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FLORY QUARRY HOIST AND "SLATE QUARRY" HERITAGE MURAL DEDICATION

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share a story of community spirit. On Saturday, September 17, an assembly of volunteers, coordinated by the Slate Belt Community Partnership and the Tots Gap Art Institute, dedicated the Flory Quarry Hoist and Slate Quarry heritage mural in downtown Bangor, Pennsylvania.

Industrial historian Mike Piersa spearheaded the initiative and donated the 28,500 pound, 116-year-old hoist. It was built by the S. Flory Manufacturing Company not far from where it is now installed in Bangor's Bethel Park. Until 1980, the hoist was in use at the Albion Quarry in Pen Argyl, PA. Powered by a steam engine, it routinely lifted 10,000-pound slate blocks. The Slate Belt region of Pennsylvania was a major producer of slate used for shingles, blackboards, and pencils.

The Slate Quarry mural features a day of work at a quarry. The Tots Gap Arts' Heritage Mural Education Program gives youth an active, creative role in community revitalization by promoting heritage and building community relationships and pride.

For these good works, I commend this group of volunteers for investing in their past to invigorate the vitality of their future.

RECOGNIZING THE BOROUGH OF MARYSVILLE UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the Borough of Marysville, Pennsylvania, which is celebrating its 150th Anniversary this year.

Settled in 1755, it was incorporated as the Borough of Haley in 1866, and then reincorporated as the Borough of Marysville in 1867 by action of Governor Andrew Curtin. This historic town is located in the southern tip of Perry County within my district. The borough is noted for its small town feel where residents stay active in community events and know each other by name. Built on a hill with scenic views of the Susquehanna river, Marysville is well known for its smallmouth bass fishing and attracts fisherman from across the country. Local students attend Susquehanna High School, which is named for the Susquehanna and Juniata Rivers that flow through the region.

Established as a railroad town hosting the Haley and Marysville Stations, the borough is home to the Rockville Bridge, which is the longest stone-arch railroad bridge in the world. Constructed with native sandstone from quarries in western Pennsylvania, the bridge's 48 arches were built by Italian stone masons and Irish laborers beginning in 1900 and finishing in 1902. The iconic bridge was named to the